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SUBJECT: ASIAN DEVELOPMENT BANK (ADB) ANNUAL MEETING

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1. THE THAI FINANCE MINISTRY HAS NOT YET FOCUSED ON ADB ANNUAL MEETING. COMPOSITION OF DELEGATION NOT YET DETERMINED PENDING APRIL 4 PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS. IF NEW FINANCE MINISTER DOES NOT LEAD THE DELEGATION, DR. SANO UNUKU, GOVERNOR OF THE CENTRAL BANK, WILL PROBABLY DO SO. OTHER MEMBERS OF THE DELEGATION WOULD BE DRAWN FROM THE TOP LEVEL CIVIL SERVANTS WHO USUALLY ATTEND INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL MEETINGS.

2. BANDIT BUNYAPANA, DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE OF FISCAL POLICY, TOLD EMBASSY THAT, AS OF NOW, THAILAND DOES NOT HAVE ANY IMPORTANT PROPOSALS TO RAISE AT THE MEETING NOR MAJOR ISSUES TO DISCUSS WITH THE U.S. DELEGATION.

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3. THE MISSION BELIEVES THAT THERE ARE NO MAJOR POLICY ISSUES

WHICH NEED TO BE RAISED WITH THE THAI DELEGATION. HOWEVER, IN CONVERSATIONS WITH THE THAI, WE SUGGEST THAT THE AMERICAN DELEGATES STRESS THE IMPORTANCE OF STRENGTHENING ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS WITHIN THE THAI GOVERNMENT FOR BOTH PROJECT DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION. THIS SUBJECT WAS DISCUSSED AT THE CONSULTATIVE GROUP MEETING IN PARIS IN NOVEMBER. (SEE REFTEL B)

4. IT WOULD BE HELPFUL IF THE U.S. DELEGATION WOULD ALSO TAKE THE OPPORTUNITY TO STRESS TO THE ADB MANAGEMENT THE NEED FOR GREATER ACTIVITY ON ITS PART IN STEERING PROJECT IDENTIFICATION AND DEVELOPMENT, AND IN PROVIDING STRONGER OVERSIGHT OF IMPLEMENTATION.
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